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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 11/09/2001 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 09/13/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

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A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- An abstract was not provided for this application. An abstract of the technical disclosure is required under 37 CFR 1.72(b).

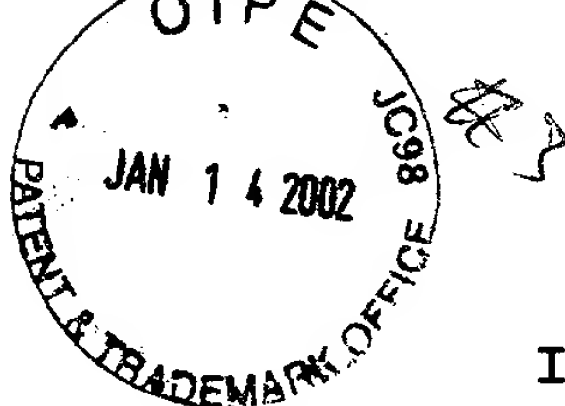
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY

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Sir:

This is a response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed November 20, 2001. Attached hereto is a Request for Extension of Time for **two months** to January 14, 2002 (January 13 being a Sunday). Please accept the Abstract provided herewith, which, according to our records, was also submitted with the application.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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